



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2143, Expedited Procedure**

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

) : Examiner: D. E. England

MASATO OCHIAI

: Group Art Unit: 2143

Application No.: 09/507,941

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Filed: February 22, 2000

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For: NETWORK DEVICE CONTROL APPARATUS, NETWORK DEVICE CONTROL METHOD, NETWORK DEVICE CONTROL PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM STORING NETWORK CONTROL PROGRAM THEREIN

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 10.